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1. FEDERAL STATISTICAL OFFICE REPORT OF CZECHOSLOVAK ECNONMY IN 1974 WAS RELEASED JANUARY 28 AND FEATURED IN ALL PRAGUE NEWSPAPERS OF THAT DATE. WITH SOME EXCEPTIONS, AGRICULTURAL RESULTS WERE GENERALLY SATISFACTORY, AS INDICATED BY TITLE OF "ZEMEDELSKE NOVINY'S" LEAD STROY: "IT WAS A GOOD YEAR,"

2. FOLLOWING ARE SELCECTED EXTRACTS FROM 1974 RESULTS:
A. GRAIN HARVESTED (INCLUDING CORN) - 10,600,000 MT.
B. GRAIN YIELD (INCLUDING CORN) - 38.5 Q/HA.
C. SUGAR BEET HHRAVEST - 8,200,00 MT. (REPORT NOTES THAT BEET HARVEST EXCEEDED PLAN BY 688,000 MT DESPITE ADVERSE WEATHER, BUT DOES NOT MENTION LOW SUGAR CONTENT.) BEET YIELD AVERAGED 395 A/HA.
D. NITORGEN FERTILIZERS (AS N) - 385,400 MT.
E. PHOSPHORUS FERTILIZERS (AS P205) - 336,000 MT.
F. SLAUGHTERED MEAT - 805,000 MT.
G. PASTEURIZED MILK - 943,000,000 LITERS.
H. MILK YIELD - 2,810 LITERS/COW.
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I. BUTTER - 111,000 MT.
J. POTATOES - 4,600,000 MT. (REPORT NOTES THAT

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POTATO HARVEST WAS 764,000 MT BELOW PLAN.)
K. POTATO YIELD - 163.9 Q/HA.
L. EGG YIELD - 204 EGGS/HEN.
M. FERTILIZER USE - 1,400,000 MT, FOR AVERAGE OF 200 KG/HA ON AGRICULTURAL LAND.
N. BEER - 22,138,000 HL.
O. OTHER - WITHOUT CITING FIGURES, REPORT NOTES THAT PRODUCTION OF OILSEEDS (RAPE), FRUITS, AND VEGETABLES WAS BELOW PLANNED LEVELS.

3. FOR VIENNA: FULL TRANSLATION OF "RUDE PROVA" VERSION OF REPORT WILL BE CARRIED IN JANUARY 29 AND 30 ISSUES OF "BRITISH PRESS REVIEW."
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